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STATEMENT**

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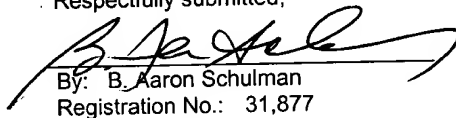
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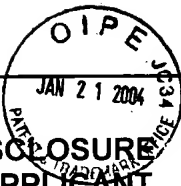
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List of publications

	Non-English language documents	English version search report	Concise state-me nt	English trans-lat ion	English abstract	First cited in foreign application Yes/No
		Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No Partial	Yes/No	
(1)	Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 1977-056869 (May 10, 1977)	No	No	No	No	No
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